

## CIPA RULING ANNOUNCED

The American Library Association (ALA) applauded the decision of a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals in Philadelphia, which ruled unanimously that the filtering requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) is unconstitutional. The panel held that filtering is unconstitutional because the mandated use of blocking technology on all computers will result in blocked access to substantial amounts of constitutionally protected speech. The Court found that filters both overblock (block access to protected speech) and underblock (allow access to illegal or un-constitutional speech).

The Court permanently enjoined the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) from withholding funds from public libraries that have chosen not to install blocking technology on all Internet-ready terminals. As a result, public libraries are not required to install filters on their computers in order to receive funds from either agency.

The Court held that less restrictive alternatives exist to allow public libraries to protect children. The Court found that public libraries can -- and indeed that many do -- use the following less restrictive alternatives: (1) filters offered as a choice for families to use for their own children at the public library; (2) education and Internet training courses; (3) enforcement of Internet use policies by library staff; and (4) placement of terminals, use of privacy screens or utilization of recessed monitors.

While the filtering portions of CIPA were overturned, libraries will still the need to comply with N-CIPA (Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, a part of the CIPA). The Neighborhood Act provides that libraries and schools receiving E-rate discounts for Internet access, Internet service, or internal connections must adopt and implement an Internet safety policy that addresses the following issues:

- Access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web;
- The safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications;
- Unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking", and other unlawful activities by minors online;
- Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors; and
- Measures designed to restrict minors' access to materials harmful to minors.



The statute provides no specific format for the policy. It appears that libraries have flexibility to develop their own policies, which may correspond to a current "acceptable use policy" -- so long as they address the elements required by the law.

The Appeals Court decision is likely to be appealed to the Supreme Court. For more information on CIPA, visit ALA's CIPA Web Site at [www.ala.org/cipa/](http://www.ala.org/cipa/).

## KENTUCKY LIBRARIES BRING HOME LAMA AWARDS

The Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA) Public Relations and Marketing Section presented the 2002 Best of Show Awards during the



American Library Association Annual Conference in Atlanta. The McCracken County Public Library received the award in the Services/Policy/Orientation category for their "Library Lady" video. KDLA's Carol Baughman and Susie Crowder received an Honorable Mention in the Children's Summer Reading category.

The Bowling Green Public Library received the prestigious John Cotton Dana Award for a campaign to convert an historic railroad depot into a branch library featuring a technology hub and an early childhood center. The focus is on services to young children, parents, and caregivers. The John Cotton Dana Award, jointly sponsored by The H.W. Wilson Company and LAMA, has been awarded continuously since 1946.

## PLA SESSIONS AVAILABLE

Many Kentucky public librarians did not have the opportunity to attend the Public Library Association (PLA) conference in Phoenix this spring. Through the wonders of technology, three sessions are available via Internet. Streaming video has been captured for the following PLS programs:

- "Is Your Library Safe?"
- "Preparing for Disaster"
- "Public Libraries' Response to September 11, 2002"

To view these programs, go to [www.pla.org/conference/conf02/webcast.html](http://www.pla.org/conference/conf02/webcast.html).

## KDLA HONORED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

The Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) honored the Field Services Division of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, with a 2002 Earth Day Award for its "Wild About Reading" summer reading campaign that emphasized plants, animals and caring for the environment, reaching 95,500 children statewide. Each year, the EQC honors outstanding efforts made by citizens, businesses and government agencies to protect and enhance Kentucky's environment. The awards are presented at an Earth Day celebration, which was held this year on April 22 at Berry Hill Mansion in Frankfort.

Spearheading the annual Summer Reading Program is primarily the responsibility of Children's Specialists Carol Baughman and Susie Crowder. The success of this program, however, would not be possible without the efforts of public libraries throughout the Commonwealth. In a very real sense, this award belongs to all of Kentucky's public libraries.

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## KENTUCKY'S BRIGHTEST AND BEST

Several awards were presented at the Public Library Section (PLS) Spring Conference Awards Luncheon in April. These awards recognize outstanding achievement in the Kentucky public library community.

The Outstanding Public Library Service Award was presented to Susie Lawrence, director of the Jessamine County Public Library. Susie was honored for her tireless efforts on behalf of Kentucky's public libraries as Chair of the PLS Legislative Committee.

Karen Gillespie, director of the Grayson County Public Library and former director of the Washington County Public Library, received the 2002 Margaret Willis Outstanding Community Library Service Award. Karen's accomplishments include improving salaries and benefits for library employees, which have boosted morale among staff and promoted a friendly, upbeat atmosphere for the public as well. Karen has led the library through renovation projects, automation, long-range planning, and started a Friends chapter. She has written several successful competitive grants, most recently for the state's one Cybermobile.

The "Miss Pickle Award for Outstanding Children's Library Services" was presented to Ione Pinkston of the Washington County Public Library. Ione's many accomplishments include extensive programming, a library lock-in, and work with the Migrant Program. She has also worked on several statewide projects.

The following public library employees received continuing education scholarships:

- Stephanie Penick – William B. Harlan Memorial Library (Monroe County)
- Laura Hawkins – Green County Public Library
- Vicki Marsh – Oldham County Public Library
- Diana Seal – Meade County Public Library

## FMLA – WHAT'S A LIBRARY TO DO?

The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) became effective in 1993 for most employers in the country. FMLA provides certain employees with up to twelve workweeks of unpaid, job-protected leave a year and requires group health benefits to be maintained during the leave. An eligible employee may use FMLA leave for the following reasons:

- For the birth of a child, and to care for the newborn child;
- For the placement of a child for adoption or foster care, and to care for the newly placed child;
- To care for a spouse, child, or parent with a serious health condition,
- When the employee is unable to work because of a serious health condition.

FMLA is not limited to private employers. According to Federal regulations, "All public employers are covered by FMLA regardless of the number of employees. *However, employees of public agencies must meet all of the requirements of eligibility, including the requirement that the employer employ 50 employees at the worksite or within 75 miles.*" If this sounds contradictory, that's because it is. It is, however, the law.

What does this mean for Kentucky's public libraries? Library districts that employ fifty or more employees *must* provide FMLA benefits to employees who meet other eligibility requirements. For those libraries with fewer than fifty employees, the meaning is less clear. KDLE is seeking clarification from the U.S. Department of Labor, the agency charged with administering this law.

Meanwhile, public library boards are advised to seek legal counsel to determine what impact FMLA has for their libraries. The law is extremely complex and has implications for library policies and record keeping practices. Information on compliance with FMLA from the Department of Labor is available at [www.dol.gov/esa/fmla.htm](http://www.dol.gov/esa/fmla.htm).

## SUMMER TRAVEL IDEAS FROM THE STATE LIBRARY

It's summer! That means vacations, and that means travel. Do you have patrons planning trips across the state, across the country, or across the world? Well, vacation and travel resources are available at the State Library. From the latest travel guides to videos, your patrons find something to make their planning more relaxing and enjoyable. Here's just a sample –

- *Country Roads of Kentucky: Drives, Day Trips, and Weekend Excursions.* Rodgers, Mary Augusta.
- *Kentucky State Parks: A Complete Outdoor Recreation Guide for Campers, Boaters, Anglers, Hikers, and Outdoor Lovers.* Bailey, Bill.
- *Romantic Kentucky: More than 300 Things to Do for Southern Lovers.* Sutton, Laura E. & Salisbury, Leila W.
- *Ride With Me Kentucky:I-75 South* [Audio-book]. Durell, John H.
- *Touring America's Historic Inns* [Video-recording].
- *Fodor's Florida 2002.*
- *Exploring Our National Parks and Monuments.* Butcher, Devereux.
- *Rick Steves' Europe* [Videorecording].

To find additional sources for your patrons' summer travel needs, check out KDLA's online catalog at <http://kdla.kyvl.org/>. Book and audiobook titles are available from the State Library OCLC Interlibrary Loan system. Check the title through the KDLA Catalog. Once you have located the desired record, click on the MARC view. The OCLC record number, which will simplify the OCLC ILL process, is located in field 035. Videorecordings may be reserved through the Audiovisual Section's D/MAX booking system.

If you need assistance, call the State Library Reference Desk at 502-564-8300, ext. 342.

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## PLANNING FOR EVENTS AHEAD

Don't forget the following special events and dates for library related activities:

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| <b>July 15</b>  | Kentucky Public Library Trustee Institute @ Jenny Wiley SRP in Prestonsburg.   |
| <b>July 16</b>  | Kentucky Public Library Trustee Institute @ Lake Cumberland SRP in Jamestown.  |
| <b>July 18</b>  | Kentucky Public Library Trustee Institute @ Lake Barkley SRP in Cadiz.         |
| <b>July 19</b>  | Kentucky Public Library Trustee Institute @ General Butler SRP in Carrollton.  |
| <b>July 30</b>  | MS Publisher 2000 workshop @ Owensboro Community College in Owensboro.         |
| <b>August 2</b> | MS Access 2000 workshop @ Paducah Information Age Park in Paducah.             |
| <b>August 6</b> | MS PowerPoint 2000 workshop @ Somerset Technical College in Somerset.          |
| <b>August 6</b> | MS Excel 2000 workshop @ Central Kentucky Technical College in Lexington.      |
| <b>August 7</b> | MS Word 2000 workshop @ Rowan Technical College in Morehead.                   |
| <b>August 8</b> | MS PowerPoint 2000 workshop @ Owensboro Community College in Owensboro.        |
| <b>August 8</b> | Library Web Page Design workshop @ Lexington Public Main Library in Lexington. |
| <b>August 8</b> | GCLC Support Staff Symposium @ Embassy Suites – Blue Ash in Cincinnati, OH.    |
| <b>August 9</b> | Library Web Page Design workshop @ Louisville Free Public                      |

	Library Iroquois Branch in Louisville.	<b>September 9</b>	MS Excel 2000 workshop @ Owensboro Community College in Owensboro.
<b>August 9</b>	Picture Book Read-In @ Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County Harrison Branch in Harrison, OH.	<b>September 10</b>	MS Word 2000 workshop @ Paducah Information Age Park in Paducah.
<b>August 12</b>	To Build or Not to Build, LAMA Institute – location to be announced.	<b>September 12</b>	MS PowerPoint 2000 workshop @ Central Kentucky Technical College, Anderson in Lawrenceburg.
<b>August 13</b>	To Build or Not to Build, LAMA Institute – location to be announced.	<b>September 12</b>	Library Web Page Design workshop @ Somerset Technical College in Somerset.
<b>August 13</b>	Basic HTML 4 workshop @ Owensboro Community College in Owensboro.	<b>September 13</b>	Library Web Page Design workshop @ ECU Manchester Campus in Manchester.
<b>August 14</b>	MS Word 2000 workshop @ Central Kentucky Technical College in Lexington.	<b>September 17</b>	Intermediate HTML 4 workshop @ Owensboro Community College in Owensboro.
<b>August 15</b>	Basic HTML 4 workshop @ Owensboro Community College in Owensboro.	<b>September 18</b>	Intermediate HTML 4 workshop @ West Kentucky Technical College in Paducah.
<b>August 20</b>	MS Word 2000 workshop @ Central Kentucky Technical College, Anderson in Lawrenceburg.	<b>September 20</b>	Library Web Page Design workshop @ West Kentucky Technical College in Paducah.
<b>August 20</b>	Advanced Networking workshop @ Elizabethtown Technical College in Elizabethtown.	<b>September 23-27</b>	Network Administrators Boot Camp II @ Blue Licks State Resort Park in Carlisle.
<b>August 22</b>	Advanced Networking workshop @ Somerset Technical College in Somerset.	<b>September 25-27</b>	Widening Circles: Conference for Kentucky's Public Librarians Serving Children and Young Adults @ General Butler State Park in Carrollton.
<b>August 23</b>	Advanced Networking workshop @ Kentucky Advanced Technology Institute in Bowling Green.		
<b>August 27</b>	MS Excel 2000 workshop @ Somerset Technical Institute in Somerset.		
<b>September 4</b>	MS PowerPoint 2000 workshop @ Central Kentucky Technical College in Lexington.		

For information regarding workshop opportunities, please check KDLAs web page at [www.kdla.net/events/ce.htm](http://www.kdla.net/events/ce.htm).



## 'CROSS THE COMMONWEALTH



All across the Commonwealth public libraries and librarians are doing remarkable things that deserve the recognition of their colleagues. This column highlights some of these. Additional items for inclusion are welcome. Please e-mail items of interest to [marjorie.flowers@kdla.net](mailto:marjorie.flowers@kdla.net).

The **Pulaski County Public Library** offers Touchstone Energy's "Snakes, Lizards, and Frogs," Insects with Dr. Ricardo Bessin, a visit from a ventriloquist, a trip to the Southwestern Raptor Mews and much, much more. They will host their annual luncheon in honor of local school media specialists and they will have a booth at the Pulaski County School System's "Back to School Extravaganza."

The **Mason County Public Library** is the beneficiary of a \$10,000 grant that the Maysville-Mason County Chamber of Commerce received. With the grant, the Chamber of Commerce purchased two computers, printers, and Foundation Center software which will be housed at the library. The library has also purchased print materials to supplement the collection.

The **Green County Public Library** is compiling recipes for a community cookbook which will be published in August and available at Cowdays (September 20 & 21).

After a hugely successful fundraising effort to build a new library building, the **Wolfe County Public Library** held a groundbreaking ceremony on June 10.

Bill and Meredith Schroeder of Schroeder Publishing and founders of the American Quilter's Society donated over 100 new and classic quilting books to the **McCracken County Public Library**.

D.M. Renshaw had a book signing promoting her newest publication, *On Assignment*, at the **George Coon Public Library** in Princeton. Ms. Renshaw is a native of Elkton, KY.

The Benton Women's Club donated \$250.00 to the **Marshall County Public Library** for the purchase of children's books. The Calvert City Joy Book Club donated \$100.00 to the **Calvert City Branch Library**, also in Marshall County.

The Friends of the **McCracken County Public Library** held their annual winter book sale in February raising \$3,646.00 for the library.

## PRIME TIME READING TIME

The Logan County Public Library is conducting a series entitled "Prime Time Reading Time," modeled after a program developed by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities. This reading, discussion, and storytelling program reinforces the role of the family as a major social and economic unit; it trains parents and children to bond together around the act of reading and learning together to improve skill and achievements; it teaches parents and children to read and discuss humanities topics (history, literature, and ethical issues, such as fairness, greed, honor, and deceit) as a way of fostering high academic expectations and achievements in low-literacy, low-income families; it encourages low-literacy, low-income parents to enter or continue their own educational programs, whether GED or other training, and enter the workforce; it helps parents and children learn how to select books and become active library users.

The series has been highly successful in Logan County, with attendance around 65 per session. For more information about the programs in Logan County, contact Monica Edwards, Youth Services Librarian, at [loganme@email.com](mailto:loganme@email.com). More detailed information about Prime Time Reading Time may be found at [www.leh.org/primetime/PThomepage.htm](http://www.leh.org/primetime/PThomepage.htm).

## CATALOGING TIP

In the January/February issue I gave some suggestions for subject headings that would be relevant to materials concerning the events of Sept. 11, 2001. There have been several postings on AUTOCAT concerning Dewey Decimal numbers that libraries are using for those materials.

- Terrorism (not exclusively Sept. 11): 303.625
- Sept. 11, 2001 as an event in U.S. history: 973.931
- Taliban: 958.1046 (Dewey for Afghanistan history)
- Twin Towers (pictorial works): 974.71044 (Dewey for New York City)
- Osama Bin Laden: 303.625
- Al-Qaida: 303.625
- World Trade Center bombing, including the 1993 bombing: 364.1097471

I hope these Dewey numbers will help you with any materials you have about 9/11. Please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have any questions. We are always glad to help!

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## KDLA RETIREMENTS

Kentucky's public libraries will greatly miss the talents of two long-time employees of KDLA. Herman Perry worked in the Kentucky Talking Book Library, although his work with the bookmobile program is most known throughout the state. Herman guided new bookmobiles through the production process and advised public libraries on maintenance and repair issues. Herman retired at the end of May. Ann Wyatt served as Regional Librarian in the Pennyryle Region and in the Barren River Region. As well, Ann's specialized knowledge in issues as diverse as construction and space utilization, continuing education, and long range planning benefited libraries throughout the state. Ann will officially retire on August 1.

## FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR LIBRARY DISTRICTS

The 2002 General Assembly passed legislation (HB344) that clarified filing requirements that public libraries which are special districts must meet. This is a list of filing deadlines.



- May 1 – Uniform Financial Information Report (UFIR) for the prior year must be filed with the Department for Local Government.
- June 1 – Budget for the upcoming fiscal year must be filed with the Fiscal Court.
- August 15 – Annual Report must be filed with the KDLA Regional Office.
- August 29 (60 days after the close of the fiscal year) – Any changes in the name of the district, general description of the service area, and *the date of expiration of the terms of office of the members of its governing body and chief executive officer* must be filed with the County Clerk.
- August 29 (60 days after the close of the fiscal year) – Summary financial statement must be filed with the Fiscal Court.
- August 29 (60 days after the close of the fiscal year) – The names and addresses of library board members and library director and a summary financial statement or the location where the public can view this information must be published in the newspaper.
- As required – The library's audit must be filed with the Fiscal Court within 30 days of the completion of the audit.

## WIDENING CIRCLES

Widening Circles, the biennial conference for Kentucky's public librarians serving children and teens, will be held on September 25-27 at General Butler State Resort Park in Carrollton. Registration materials will be mailed to all libraries this month.

## LIBRARY TRIVIA CORNER

In March 2002, a segment from National Public Radio's *All Things Considered* featured an interview with Kathi Appelt, co-author of *Down Cut Shin Creek: The Pack Horse Librarians of Kentucky*. The Pack Horse Library Project of Eastern Kentucky, funded by the Works Progress Administration (WPA), sent librarians on horses and mules into remote mountainous areas to deliver books and magazines. Some facts about these amazing women:

- A pack horse librarian earned \$28 per month – and was required to provide her own horse or mule.
- Each librarian had eight different routes – four each week.
- The typical pack horse route was 18-20 miles.
- The librarian's workday often began at 4:30 A.M.
- The typical load the librarian carried was 100 books – 50 in each saddlebag.

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